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SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT (INVENTION)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 29, 2006, Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-8, drawn to an apparatus, without traverse, for further prosecution. In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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